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**Prescribed Fire on the Monticello and Moab Ranger Districts**

Current and forecasted weather conditions will allow local Forest Fire Managers to carry out fuels treatment plans on the Moab and Monticello Ranger Districts. Implementation of these projects may occur over the next several weeks as conditions allow.

Areas targeted for treatment include the Pack Creek project south of Moab, Blue Creek Prescribed Burn west of Shay Ridge, and Kigalia Prescribed Burn along Elk Ridge.

These activities are a result of forest-wide planning to ensure maximum benefit to public lands. The actions will reduce fuel loadings to minimize risk during wildfires.

Introducing fire back into these ecosystems creates mosaic vegetative patterns that enhance plant and wildlife diversity such as: germination of seeds, reduction of dead and diseased trees, increase of grass and forbs, and improving general forest health.

Efforts will be made to reduce impacts to forest visitors and area residents. Prescribed Fire signs identifying the area will be in place during implementation. Project managers are asking the public to avoid these areas during those times.

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Continue to report new wildfires to the Moab Interagency Fire Center at (435) 259-1850.

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